



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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Brisbane

MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Daniel Vankov
Imm Past President	Phil Gresham
Vice President	Dr Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Max Winders

**District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's message

Rotarians & Friends

Greetings from your outgoing President, and welcome and best wishes goes to our incoming President Daniel.

With changeover scheduled for today's meeting 26th June it is a time for reflection on the past year.

As everybody is aware my third term as President was the result of the elected President Tony McKinnon resignation due to ill health one month into his term, and my appointment to fulfil the duty for the remainder of the year.

This year has seen our clubs' membership grow as the result of an active Membership Drive under the guidance of Membership Director Keith Watts and his committee. Not only has the membership grown in numbers, three other achievements have resulted, our new members have come from the younger age bracket, which has lowered the overall average age of the members of the club, and they are very interested in bringing new active ideas to the club, secondly we have increased our numbers of female members and this is great for the clubs future both in activity and future management, and finally we have become truly International with our current membership boasting members from many parts of the world as they have chosen Australian as their new home, and our club to fulfil their Rotary Service.

It is also important to note that we have not lost any of our elder statesmen members this year.

WHAT'S ON?

26 June 2017
**Club Changeover
Lunch**
Guest speaker:
Susan Welch
**Growing Nepal
Foundation**

DATE CLAIMER

Sunday 30 July
*Stan Francis Testimonial
luncheon*
Regatta Hotel, 12 for 12: 30 pm.
Tickets \$95pp

4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





President's message (continued)

On the project side, we have continued with Our Rural Endoscopy Project, which has now caught the Eye of Queensland Health, we made a substantial contribution to the Salvation Army for the provision of a new Emergency trailer, and continued our contribution to the RI Foundation. We assisted DIK again this year, after we gathered up approx. 400 plus school tables and chairs to be sent to our related clubs in the Solomon Islands, PNG, and Timor

Major fund raisers for the year were the Wallace Bishop Testimonial Dinner, and our Annual Golf Day, these, along with input from our PAF, allowed us to make worthwhile and direct benefit contributions to a number of registered charities. Sadly, we still fail to gain the PR recognition that this club, and Rotary in general, deserves after 94 years of providing services and help to Local and international benefactors.

This is only a brief summary of the year that was and I would like to personally thank all our Board members who run our Club, our attendance table of Denise, John and Don who turn up every day to keep the show on the road, and again Denise for her grand effort of bringing to the club a range of interesting and speakers worthy of our club on a continuing basis. Finally, I thank Rick as our Bulletin editor for his many years of service in providing a professional front to our Rotary Club. Well done to all.

To all club members I thank you for your continued support shown and provided to me during this year, is has made my term enjoyable and less demanding.

To incoming President Daniel, I wish you every success, and I am sure you also will be afforded all the help from our members, don't be afraid to ask there is a ton of Rotary knowledge available to you.

President Graeme

Special bell cast to ring in The Rotary Foundation's next century

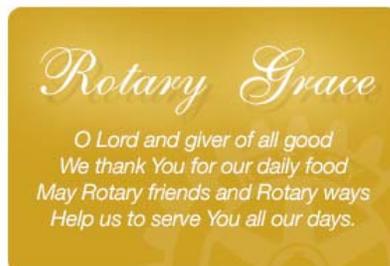
By Francesco Bruno, Communications Specialist, RI Staff
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



While we still need to use our fantasy to search for that hidden gateway that can launch us into the future, finding one that takes you back in history is at our reach if you happen to be at the right place, at the right time. Upon entering the large wooden door of the Marinelli Foundry in the hilltop city of Agnone, Italy, it took only a few seconds to feel like I was stepping back in time. The scene I witnessed was one my ancestors could have observed a thousand years ago.

Four silent workers formed a circle inside a knee-high hole, stomping the ground with their feet and a stick attached to a 10 inch round wooden base. Their motion caused finer dust to lift into the air.

It was mid-March, and while the air outside was being cooled down by the winds that swept through the snow-capped mountains, the heat inside the foundry was rising fast as the day of the casting of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Bell was approaching.



Calendar

3 July:

Guest speaker: Dr Marcus Gray
Functional brain imaging and emotions, influence of inflammation

Roster

26 June 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson R Tamaschke
Set Up/Away K Watts
Visitor Register J Delahunty
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach J Smerdon

3 July 2017:

President D Vankov
Chairperson P Gresham
Set Up/Away M Evans
Visitor Register B Grieve
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach J Smerdon

10 July 2017:

President TBA
Chairperson TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance/ Raffle TBA

17 July 2017:

President TBA
Chairperson TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance/ Raffle TBA

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The Marinelli family has been making bells for about a thousand years and today they still do it the traditional way, by hand and fire.

The word bell derives from the ancient God of Fire known as Baal, which means "Lord or Master." In every age and country, the bell is a universal symbol and an instrument used to communicate, notify, alarm, summon, mark the time, and call to action. For about a century, it has been used by Rotary Clubs to mark the opening of meetings and to symbolize order and discipline.

The world-famous Marinelli foundry, the only one that was granted the use of the Pontifical seal, is owned by Armando and Pasquale Marinelli, two brothers who also happen to be Rotarians. Their passion and love for Rotary has brought them to create and donate a 110 pound ornamental bell to help celebrate the Rotary Foundation Centennial. The large and shiny bronze bell resembles the one they gifted in 2005 for the Rotary International Centennial, and which is currently kept on display at Rotary's headquarters in Evanston. This new bell, however, is embellished with a selection of images, logos, and words which tell the story of the Rotary Foundation over the past 100 years.

Thanks to all the Italian Rotary Clubs and Districts this symbolic bell was shipped overseas. It arrived right on time to take center stage at the opening ceremony of the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta to ring in the next century of doing good in the world.

The benefits of dual membership in Rotaract, Rotary

By Muhammad Talha Mushtaq, a member of the Rotaract Club of Jhang Saddar and the Rotary Club of Jhang Metropolitan

Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



When I joined Interact back in 2009, I had no idea the path it would set me on or that it would change my life forever.

I enjoyed many successful service projects with my fellow members of Interact, as we assisted victims of the great flood of 2010. One-fifth of Pakistan's total land area and 20 million people were directly affected by floods. We were able to collect a sizable sum of money and donations in kind during three days of scorching July heat. It was then that I understand the meaning of this quote by Oprah Winfrey:

"The happiness you feel is in direct proportion to the love you give."



Delivering school supplies in Kashmir, Pakistan.

As soon as I turned 18, I joined the Rotaract Club of Jhang Saddar along with some of my friends from Interact, and continued to enjoy service projects that included installing libraries in five different schools, distributing school bags and stationary, helping deliver food rations to the needy, and holding a family festival attended by almost 10,000 people.

When I learned that the Rotary Club of Jhang Metropolitan was conducting a free medical camp for the poor in my hometown of Jhang, I wanted to join that club, too. This is something Rotary now allows, dual membership in Rotary and Rotaract, and I jumped at the opportunity. Rotary clubs provide young leaders like us with expanded opportunities for projects on a much larger scale.

Each week in my Rotary club, I get to listen to informative speakers on a variety of topics, learn what is going on in my community, and carry all that back to my Rotaract club. I can share ideas with them and inspire them to get more involved. Likewise, I have become the face of Rotaract to my Rotary club, sharing with them the issues that our important to my fellow Rotaractors.

Dual membership allows me to be a bridge. There are so many opportunities to welcome present members of Rotaract or program alumni into Rotary. I decided to serve as my club's membership chair next year because I am convinced there are many who are willing to join Rotary, but just need proper guidance. For example, recently, my Rotary club invited six Rotaractors who had also been in Interact with me to enjoy the benefits of dual membership.

It is a love for humanity and our fellow countrymen that compel us to play our part. Both Rotary and Rotaract give us the platform. I will have the added joy of serving as my district's Rotaract Representative in 2018-19, the same year that my father, Muhammad Mushtaq, will be serving as the district's governor.

Rotary and its programs for young leaders have enabled me to develop my personal and professional skills. I find it much easier to meet new people, make friends, and speak in front of groups. I have learned to be more patient and listen before I speak. I have learned the value of helping others and giving. And I have a new outlook on life. My love for this organization knows no limit.

Learn more about Rotary's programs for young leaders and about club flexibility provisions that allow for dual membership in Rotaract and Rotary.



Students in the Neelum Valley of Pakistan show off their new backpacks